



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

ROBERT K. DORNAN
TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

April 19, 1982

Honorable Frank C. Carlucci
Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Carlucci:

The general atmosphere during Senator Tower's hearings on Friday on the airlift programs is indicative of the current national mood concerning the entire defense budget. However true, when Senator Jackson suggests that he is being "stonewalled" by the Pentagon and Senator Warner asks, "Has the economy been considered by the Pentagon?", I grow more concerned about the FY 1983 defense budget.

Comments such as these, which feed the growing feeling that major defense reductions will not cripple our national security, prompted me to write to President Reagan on April 3rd urging him to "go public" with the DIA/John T. Hughes briefing on the Soviet threat.

Mr. Carlucci, we must heed Senator Jackson's comments that if the defense budget is in trouble now, "Wait until the floor debate." We cannot wait until a bloodletting occurs on the Senate and the House floors. The seriousness of the Soviet threat must be conveyed with hard evidence to the American people, now.

Please read my enclosed letter to the President and use your good office to support my recommendations to share the facts with the American voters. If you have any questions concerning this letter, I'm at your disposal.


NO REFERRAL TO OSD. WAIVER
APPLIES

68

Honorable Frank C. Carlucci
April 19, 1982
page two

This matter is so urgent that I will be glad to cancel my engagements in California and come back to the Capitol.

Sincerely,



ROBERT K. DORNAN
Member of Congress